Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-20 (Canceled).

21. (Currently Amended) A data transfer method for transferring data from a displayed operation target, said method comprising:

specifying an arbitrary part of the displayed operation target by indicating a start position and an end position with an input pointer of an input device;

performing a single event with the input device to transfer the specified arbitrary part of the operation target;

judging whether coordinates of an input pointer of the input device, when the single event is performed, are within the specified arbitrary part of the operation target; ~~and~~

transferring data within the specified arbitrary part of the operation target to a ~~transfer destination~~ retrieve server when the coordinates are judged to be within the specified arbitrary part; and

receiving a retrieve result corresponding to the data transferred to the retrieve server, from the retrieve server;

wherein a beginning position of the input pointer on a display screen at a beginning of the single event and an end position of the input pointer on the display screen at an end of the single event are the same; and

wherein the retrieve result received from the retrieve server may be utilized as a next operation target.

Claims 22-25 (Canceled).

26. (Previously Presented) The data transfer method according to claim 21, further comprising:

performing processing to disable a hyper link in the operation target.

Claim 27 (Canceled).

28. (Previously Presented) The data transfer method according to claim 21, wherein the single event comprises one of: a single click, a double click, and a triple click of a mouse.

Claim 29 (Canceled).

30. (Currently Amended) A data transfer apparatus comprising:

means for specifying an arbitrary part of a displayed operation target by indicating a start position and an end position with an input pointer of an input device, and for

performing a single event with the input device to transfer the specified arbitrary part of the operation target;

means for judging whether coordinates of the input pointer of the input device are within the specified arbitrary part of the operation target when the single event is performed; ~~and~~

means for transferring data within the specified arbitrary part of the operation target to a ~~transfer destination~~ retrieve server when the coordinates are judged to be within the specified arbitrary part; and

means for receiving a retrieve result corresponding to the data transferred to the retrieve server, from the retrieve server;

wherein a beginning position of the input pointer on a display screen at a beginning of the single event and an end position of the input pointer on the display screen at an end of the single event are the same; and

wherein the retrieve result received from the retrieve server may be utilized as a next operation target.

Claims 31-34 (Canceled).

35. (Previously Presented) The data transfer apparatus according to claim 30, further comprising:

means for disabling a hyperlink in the operation target.

Claims 36-42 (Canceled).

43. (Currently Amended) A data transfer method for transferring data from a displayed operation target, said method comprising:

specifying an arbitrary part of the displayed operation target with an input device;

performing a single event with the input device to transfer the specified arbitrary part of the operation target;

judging whether coordinates of an input pointer of the input device, when the single event is performed, are within the specified arbitrary part of the operation target; ~~and~~

transferring data within the specified arbitrary part of the operation target to a ~~transfer~~ destination for retrieving information when the coordinates are judged to be within the specified arbitrary part; and

receiving a retrieve result corresponding to the data transferred to the destination for retrieving information, from the destination for retrieving information;

wherein a beginning position of the input pointer on a display screen at a beginning of the single event and an end position of the input pointer on the display screen at an end of the single event are the same; and

wherein the retrieve result received from the destination for retrieving information may be utilized as a next operation target.

Claims 44-50 (Canceled).

51. (New) The data transfer method according to claim 21, wherein the retrieve server is selected in advance.

52. (New) The data transfer method according to claim 21, further comprising transferring the data within the specified arbitrary part of the operation target to an edit window to edit the data.

53. (New) The data transfer apparatus according to claim 30, wherein the retrieve server is selected in advance.

54. (New) The data transfer apparatus according to claim 30, further comprising means for transferring the data within the specified arbitrary part of the operation target to an edit window to edit the data.

55. (New) The data transfer method according to claim 43, wherein the destination for retrieving information is selected in advance.

56. (New) The data transfer method according to claim 43, further comprising transferring the data within the specified arbitrary part of the operation target to an edit window to edit the data.

57. (New) A data transfer method for transferring data from a displayed operation target, said method comprising:

specifying an arbitrary part of the displayed operation target by indicating a start position and an end position with an input pointer of an input device;

performing a single event with the input device to transfer the specified arbitrary part of the operation target;

judging whether coordinates of an input pointer of the input device, when the single event is performed, are within the specified arbitrary part of the operation target;

transferring data within the specified arbitrary part of the operation target to a search engine when the coordinates are judged to be within the specified arbitrary part, so as to perform a search via the search engine; and

receiving a result of the search performed via the search engine;

wherein a beginning position of the input pointer on a display screen at a beginning of the single event and an end

position of the input pointer on the display screen at an end of the single event are the same; and

wherein the result of the search performed via the search engine may be utilized as a next operation target.